

TEUTONS HAMMER ALLIES FOR GAINS

Germans Hurl Bulk of Forces Against French on South With Terrific Impact.

EIGHT VILLAGES CAPTURED

British Hold Line Grimly to North. Near Arras, Where Huns Cannot Make Progress; Rain Drenches Battlefields of Picardy.

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Here strong enemy forces captured Meserieres and Maison Blanche, which is just north of the village.

British Capture Huns.

At one point the attacking troops were held up by machine gun fire, but other forces pressed on doggedly. The Germans, however, opposed with too great strength and were too well protected, and the British were forced to abandon the effort after a hard struggle, during which 25 Germans were taken prisoner in hand-to-hand fighting. The loss of these positions does not alter the situation materially, and the British hold on the Laue Valley is considered satisfactory.

One British division marched from 9 o'clock one evening until 4 o'clock the next afternoon along the Scarpe itself into the battle line where it fought and killed and dug in until its position was assured. Then these soldiers threw themselves down where they stood and slept with their heads pillowed upon their haversacks.

Germans Begin Intrenching.

There are other instances even more spectacular, which may not be mentioned, but it is unnecessary to amplify, as Americans already know the temper of their British allies and know the British will take a lot of beating before they will give in. The fact that the Germans, according to the report, are intrenching along the Thiépval-La-Belle line is pointed to as a tribute to the magnificent defense, which the British maintained at this important gateway to the west.

Troops Show Heroism.

There has been another display of the British determination in this quarter. The correspondent knows of one large body of troops who dug themselves in along the vital sector in question and announced that, whatever happened to the rest of the British line, they were going to stick until they were victorious or the last man was dead. They are still sticking and, from their past achievements, it is safe to say they will continue to stick.

The Germans are still rushing forward artillery and reorganizing their forces. Reuters' correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs. The slow-down in the battle, he says, probably is only a lull before another storm of still greater intensity.

The British line held magnificently throughout Friday, according to Reuters' Limited correspondent at British headquarters in France.

British Taken to Rear.

"At one point only," says the correspondent, "where the Germans came across the river in force about Cerisy and so taking the troops in the Procy-Mercourt neighborhood in the rear, have we failed to notice that retreat was gallantly done."

Strong enemy patrols in the Arras sector penetrated the British outpost line near Arras and forced the posts to withdraw after intense fighting. This appears to be the only change in the line near Arras.

Tentons Lose Heavily.

The German attempt Friday to force the British back along the Scarpe and capture Arras cost them an enormous price in casualties, although they used 15 divisions. North of the river the British held their ground bravely and, wavering but slightly before the enemy onslaught. South of the river, however, the British retired slightly between Pampun and Houdain.

There was hard fighting on both sides of the Scarpe. To the north the most desperate conflict was staged about Roubaix, which was the scene of sanguinary struggles last year. The Germans succeeded in forcing the British to withdraw from this place, North of Gavrelle the enemy tried to push the British back on Bailluet, but was repulsed by withering machine gun fire. South of the river the most bitter fighting was about Arras, which, which changed hands several times.

British Save Men.

Below the Somme, British artillery has been doing marvelous work in getting the heavy guns back during the withdrawal. One battery was cut off and lost for three days. Although often surrounded, the men worked their way out to the British lines with all the guns.

On high ground near Albert, there are five machine gunners who are cut off, 400 yards in front of their own infantry, but who still are doing great execution among the enemy. Tanks also have been doing a small but important work. They have been traveling in pairs, stemming the advance and taking prisoners.

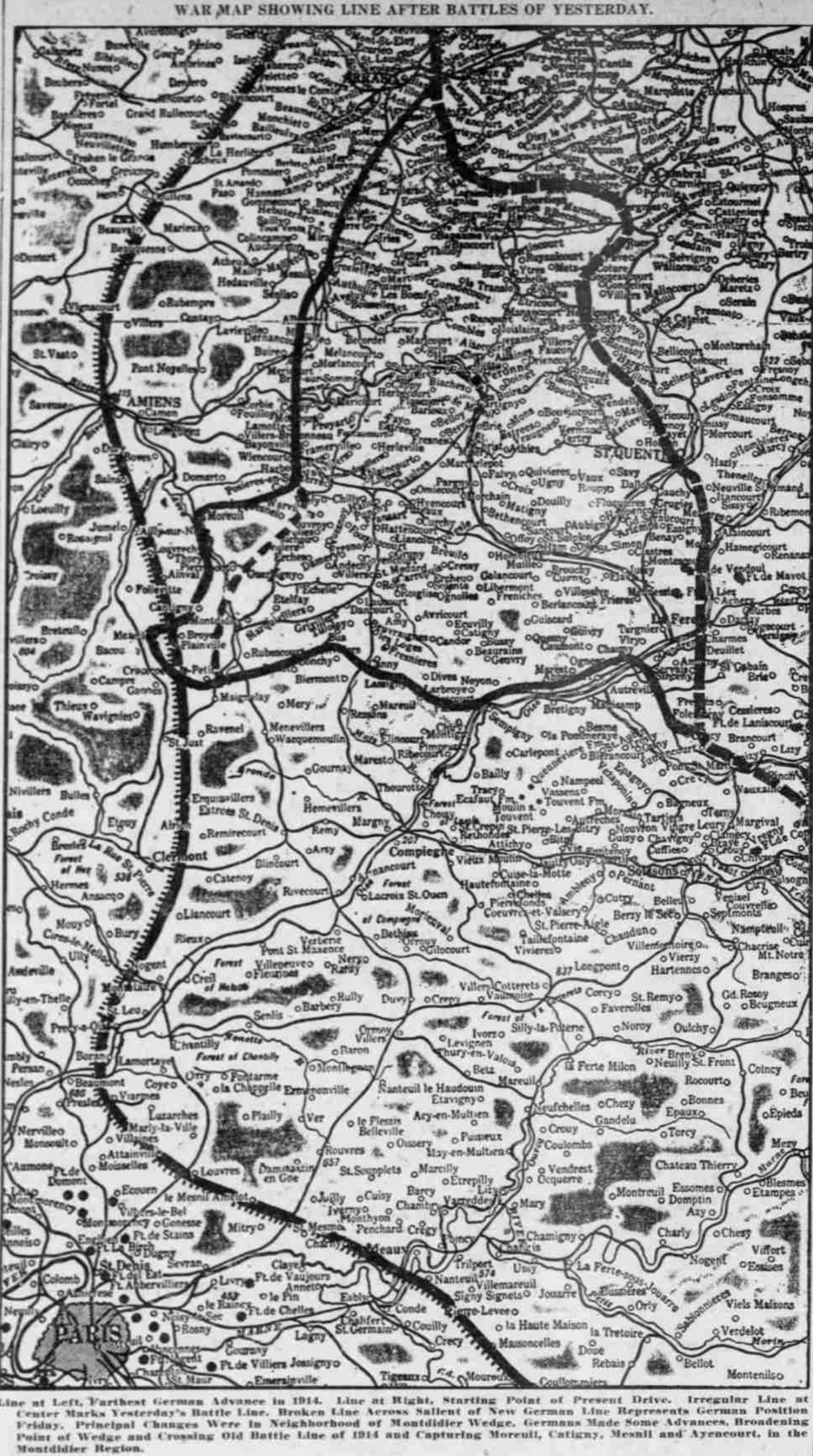
That sector of the long battlefield lying south of the enemy tried to push the crucial zone of conflict Friday. The German, following up their small gains of yesterday in their northwestward drive toward Amiens, pressed attack vigorously. They met with the most obstinate resistance by the great British defenders, however, and late reports state that there had been little or no change in the situation since Thursday night, despite the hard fighting on the extreme north.

GERMAN LOSSES ENORMOUS

Hun Prisoners Say Bodies of Dead Stripped by Teuton Butchers.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Regarding the losses sustained by the Germans in the battle in Picardy an official dispatch from France today said:

"Although as yet our information is very incomplete, it is certain that the German losses in the battle of the Somme have been enormous. Prisoners who were questioned on March 29 reported, for example, that the 11th division of infantry was almost completely annihilated and that the 26th division suffered heavily. The losses are chiefly due to the machine guns,



Line at Left, Farthest German Advance in 1914. Line at Right, Starting Point of Present Drive. Irregular Line at Center Marks Yesterday's Battle Line. Broken Line Across Sallent of New German Line Represents German Position Friday. Principal Changes Were in Neighborhood of Montdidier Wedge. Germans Made Some Advances, Broadening Point of Wedge and Crossing Old Battle Line of 1914 and Capturing Moreuil, Catigny, Mesnil and Ayencourt, in the Montdidier Region.

which, installed with determined men in shell holes, mowed down to the very last the dense enemy formations. "The bodies of both friends and enemies are stripped as soon as possible by the Germans and left entirely nude. The booty thus collected is collected and sent to the rear, so great is the scarcity of clothing and leather.

"The prisoners when questioned do not have a word of complaint at the very small number of English and French dead which they passed in the course of their progress. Finally they admit the great surprise of their command in the resistance of the allied troops. They had in fact promised them that all would be over in a few days."

GERMANS CLAIM MORE GAINS

Town of Ayette, South of Montdidier Declared Captured.

BERLIN, March 30, via London.—Between the Somme and the Aisne the Germans have driven from parts of their former positions British and French troops freshly brought up and have captured Beaumont and Meserieres, the War Office announces. Fresh attacks against Montdidier are said to have failed.

Ayette, south of Montdidier, the statement says, has been cleared of enemy forces. The Laon Cathedral, which has been considerably damaged by the continuous bombardment, is threatened with destruction from the fire of the French guns.

French Resist Desperately. PARIS, March 30.—French troops, supported by reserves, are offering desperate resistance to powerful assaults of the enemy, the War Office announces.

The battle, which was resumed with renewed violence during the night, is progressing on a front of 40 kilometers (about 25 miles), from Moreuil to beyond Lassigny.

U. S. BOYS FEED ORPHANS

Soldiers to Club Together to Take Care of French Children.

PARIS, March 29.—American soldiers in France will adopt French war orphans and children of families made destitute by the war through a plan suggested by The Stars and Stripes, the soldiers' newspaper, and approved by the Red Cross.

The plan provides for a certain number of soldiers to undertake to care for one child, contributing 500 francs annually to its support and education.

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WAR SPIRIT STIRRED

Pershing's Offer of Troops to Foch Pleases Baker.

YANKEE BOYS CHEER NEWS

Heart of France Touched by American General's Words—House of Representatives at Washington Rises and Cheers.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—"I am delighted at General Pershing's prompt and effective action in placing all the American troops and facilities at the disposal of the allies in the present situation," said Secretary of War Baker, in a statement given out at headquarters today.

"It will meet with hearty approval in the United States, where the people desire their expeditionary forces to be at the utmost service in the common cause," the Secretary continued.

"I have visited the American troops in France, some of them recently, and had an opportunity to observe the enthusiasm with which officers and men received the announcement that they would be used in the present conflict. One sentiment to which the announcement was made spontaneously broke into cheers."

PARIS, March 30.—General Pershing's sincere and many words in placing at the disposal of General Foch the entire resources of the American Army have gone straight to the hearts of the French people, who dearly love what the French call "fine gesture." The newspapers of all shades of opinion reflect this grateful appreciation, both by the prominence they give the incident and in their comments.

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the liberation of all political prisoners, restoration of all suspended newspapers of the right of publication and the reopening of all political clubs.

At the same time announcement was made of the conditions under which will be elected a president of the republic, 77 senators and 155 deputies.

Late Senator's Body Coming.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Representative McArthur is completing arrangements to send the body of the late Senator H. B. Hiram to Portland, in conformity with the request of his family. Delay grew out of the fact that no local undertaker had a casket large enough to hold the body, and a special casket is being built in Philadelphia.

General Bell Passes Exams.

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Department. He has been commander of the 17th National Army Division at Camp Upton and recently returned from France.

MILK IMPORT PROHIBITED

Condensed Product to Go to England Only on Government Order.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Great Britain has issued an order which the allied provisions export commission communicated today to the War Trade Board, prohibiting the import of condensed milk after April 1, except by the Government, and requisitioning all milk now in transit which may arrive after that date.

The War Trade Board accordingly has decided not to grant new licenses or renew old licenses for export of condensed milk to England except as approved by the provisions commission.

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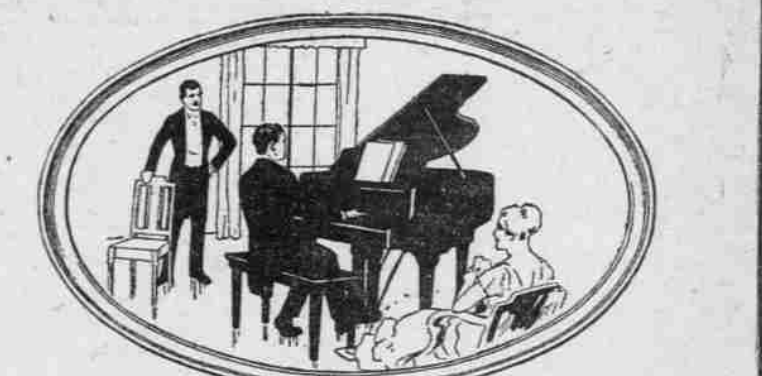
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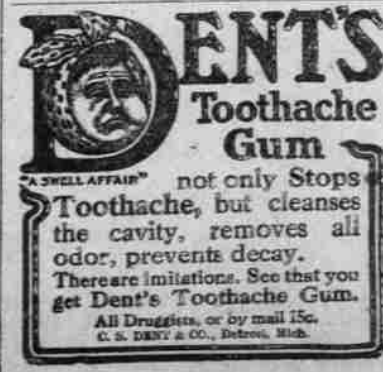
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